MOTIONS for the week of 7/23 – 7/26

MOTIONS Presented by Mitch O'Farrell:

1: MOTION: 13-0938 Echo Park/Silver Lake/Elysian Valley Slope Density

- Motion moves that the Council instruct the Planning Department to take the necessary actions to add slope density regulations to the appropriate areas in the Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan, and explore the feasibility of replicating the slope density regulations contained in the Hollywood Community Plan as part of the Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan. Slope Density regulations are a valuable land use tool because it protects hillside residential neighborhoods by preserving aesthetics and community feel.
- This **MOTION** is **PENDING** in PLUM Committee

2: MOTION 13-0933 Arts Development Fee

- Motion moves that the Council instruct the Department of Cultural Affairs with the assistance of the Planning Department, the Department of Building and Safety, and the City Administrative Officer, and in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present a report with recommendations and a draft ordinance to update the Arts Development Fee Ordinance, to update the amounts collected and the process for collecting and distributing funds, as well as recommendations for expanding the types of projects generating Arts Development Fees and appropriate credits and exemptions. The Arts Development Fee Ordinance has not been amended in over two decades. To better serve the city's many diverse and distinct local communities new standards must be put in place to direct the use of these funds in public art capital improvement projects.
- This **MOTION** is **PENDING** in Budget and Finance / Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River

3: MOTION 13-0671 Yucca Supermarket 1815 N. Cahuenga Blvd

- Motion moved to amend Item 2 on Agenda for Friday July 26th relating to Yucca Supermarket grocery store application for determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for alcohol sales.
- **MOTION** adopted the following conditions:

1. Prohibit the sale of beer or malt beverages in quantities of quarts, 22oz., 32 oz., 40 oz.
2. Distilled spirits may not be sold in containers smaller than 750 ml.
3. Every two hours (from opening to closing hours) an employee must inspect the parking lot and adjacent areas of the business for loiterers and keep log.

4. Petitioner shall install and maintain security cameras (there month video library) covering common area of the business and the tapes should be available to the LAPD upon request.

4: MOTION 13-0906 Hollywood Mobility Trust Fund

- Trust Fund established in CD13 for the purpose of community benefits.
- Possible benefits could include: way-finding signage, improvement of pedestrian amenities and linkages, enhancement of DASH service, acquisition of land to provide kiss and ride parking, first and last mile solutions to better connect commuters to public transit options, improvement to existing public transportation transit shelter/bus stop areas, installation of new transit shelter/bus stops, bicycle amenities including bike lockers, bike rental and bike repair areas.
- This item is Pending in PLUM Committee

Motions Seconded by Mitch O'Farrell:

1: MOTION 13-0940 LAPD Response to Hollywood Flash Mob

- Motion moves that the LAPD report on its response to the July 16 Hollywood flash mod incident. In addition, the MOTION asks that LAPD report on what efforts were effective and which were not, what lessons were learned and how these lessons could be applied to more effectively deal with similar incidents in the future.
- This **MOTION** is **PENDING** in Public Safety Committee

2: **MOTION 13-0935** Long term strategy for Puente Hills Landfill in CD 7

- Motion moves that City Council direct the Bureau of Sanitation to provide a report to the Energy and Environment Committee within 30 days on its long term strategy for solid waste disposal and how it will ensure that the residents of the City of Los Angeles will not see significant rate hikes in their sanitation changes associated with Puente hills Landfill closure.
- This **MOTION** is **PENDING** in Energy and Environment Committee

3: MOTION 13-0823-S1 Item 11B (Amending MOTION 11B) Education and Neighborhoods meeting dates

- Bernard Parks introduced a motion to change the meeting schedule for the Education and Neighborhoods Committee to only the 3rd Tuesday of each month instead of having it on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- This **MOTION** is Adopted and sent forthwith

4: **MOTION 13-0932** Bureau of Sanitation Report back to Arts, Parks on Tanker truck incident adjacent to the LA River/ Environmental impacts.

- Felipe Fuentes, Chair of Energy and Environment asked that the report go to E&E Committee, but the CLA stamped it for the LA River.
- This **MOTION** is pending in Arts, Parks…River Committee

5: **MOTION 13-0929** Relative to special funds being used for the City Attorney Reception on July 12 2013, introduced by Paul Koretz

6. **MOTION 13-0930** Relative to Latina Bar Association meeting at the Tom Bradly Tower, initiated by Paul Koretz.

7. **MOTION 13-0909** DWP Sick Leave Policy

- Paul Koretz initiated this MOTION asking DWP to report to Council on the sick leave policies along with the DWP Rate Payer Advocate, Fred Pickel.
- "Regular" City Hall employees must present a doctors note after this third day in a row of being absent, while the DWP Policy can extend for up to 10 days, and in certain cases up to 2 full months.
- This **MOTION** is pending in Energy and Environment Committee

8. **MOTION 13-0908** Climate adaptive resource conservation

- CM Blumenfield introduced this MOTION to receive a report from Public Works, Planning and DWP on conservation through early planning development.
- This **MOTION** is pending in Energy and Environment Committee

9. **MOTION 13-0905** Charter Buses in CD8

10. **MOTION 13-0907** CD14 NC funds reapportionment.

City Wide MOTIONS that could affect CD13 or Important Citywide MOTIONS:

1: MOTION 13-0927 (Special 1) Caretaker for CD6.

- Introduced by Herb Wesson Jr. and seconded by Mitchell Englander and Felipe Fuentes, moves that the Caretaker for the Sixth Council District be authorized to immediately hire Ms. Nury Martinez as Chief Deputy for the Sixth Council District pending certification by the City Clerk of the results of the July 23 special election, in which Ms. Martinez defeated Cindy Montanez, to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councilmember for the Sixth District. The challenger in the race has already conceded the election.

2: **MOTION 13-0941** Waiving of fees for sidewalk repair on adjacent property.

- MOTION moves that Public Works figure out a way to avoid any fees associated with permits if the owner of the adjacent property is able to just pay for fixes next to his or her home /business.
- **MOTION** is **PENDING** in Public Works Committee

3: **MOTION 13-0934** SEZ and CRA incentives

- MOTION moves that the City's Economic Development Department, CLA and CAO report to the Economic Development Committee within 30 days with recommendations and funding necessary to replace state-level SEZ and CRA incentives, continue and increase existing city-level incentives, and create new programs that will attract business and job creation to Los Angeles across all sectors, with a focus on economically disadvantaged areas with high levels of poverty.
- **MOTION** is **PENDING** in Economic Development Committee

4: **MOTION** 13-0939 Cash-for-gold businesses

- MOTION moves that the Planning Department and City Attorney be instructed to report on the feasibility of implementing a moratorium, and other potential land use controls, on new cash-for-gold and secondhand jewelry businesses.
- **MOTION** is **PENDING** in PLUM Committee

5: **MOTION** 13-0928 Renter's Right to Recycle

- MOTION moves to have the Bureau of Sanitation be instructed to report on the status of recycling programs and requirements at multifamily apartment complexes in the City, and to include in that report the percentage of multifamily dwellings that are participating in recycling programs, both in the City as a whole and in each individual Council District.

Gmail

Gigi G.

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GIGI GALIAS Tue, Jul 30, 2013 at 8:17 PM
To: Steven Whiddon , William Ayala <william.ayala@lacity.org>
Cc: Mitch O'Farrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>, Christine Peters , Jeanne Min <Jeanne.Min@lacity.org>

Steven,

FYI, William Ayala is handling ALL certs and resos in our office.

William, pls assist with this request and discuss with SW any info you need.

Thanks.

On Jul 30, 2013 7:36 PM, "Steven Whiddon" < wrote:

> Christine & Gigi:
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> I know we discussed issuing certificates to express gratitude to those who donated their time, money and/or talents, have they been issued? I want to make sure my friend Eddie X receives a certificate.
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> His information is attached. Please keep me posted.
>
> Thanks.

David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>

Project Angel Food awards dinner

6 messages

Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>
To: John Gile <john@johngileinc.com>
Cc: David Cano <David.Cano@lacity.org>

Sun, Aug 4, 2013 at 6:47 PM

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John: Are you going to either or both?

Mitch

John Gile <john@johngileinc.com>
To: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>
Cc: David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>

Sun, Aug 4, 2013 at 7:08 PM

Hi Mitch--
yes I have you down as my guest for Angel Awards at Project Angel Food/I think DC has it on the schedule—pre event cocktail portion—6:00 to 7:30 – not sure you wanted to go to the dinner part later/let me know—let's connect schedules/

I cannot attend the Marriage Equality USA event—I have a wedding—but can meet you at Angel Awards--
Let me know if you need help with the speech etc-I know Robert St. Genis is on that event committee/glad you can attend!

Best,
JLG

From: Mitch OFarrell [mailto:mitchof13@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 04, 2013 6:48 PM
To: John Gile
Cc: David Cano
Subject: Project Angel Food awards dinner

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David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org> Mon, Aug 5, 2013 at 8:50 AM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Want to keep you in the loop.
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With kind regards,

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David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org> Mon, Aug 5, 2013 at 8:52 AM
To: John Gile <john@johngileinc.com>
Cc: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>

These two events are on the calendar. I have very little info on the "SPEAK - Awards Event for Marriage Equality USA" event. Attending both events looks manageable.
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John Gile <john@johngileinc.com> Mon, Aug 5, 2013 at 9:01 AM
To: David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>

OK Marriage event is at Union Station earlier—4:00 to 7:00 p.m. They are a smaller grass roots marriage organization. I can't attend but will be at Angel Awards--

From: David Cano [mailto:david.cano@lacity.org]
Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 8:53 AM
To: John Gile
Cc: Mitch OFarrell
Subject: Re: Project Angel Food awards dinner

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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Aug 5, 2013 at 9:09 AM
To: David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>

I love that organization. I used to volunteer a long time ago.
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Let's help them!

10 messages

Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com> Fri, Aug 30, 2013 at 4:43 PM
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Marisol Salguero <marisol.salguero@lacity.org>
Cc: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

This is the non profit in East Hollywood that I want to help: FYI, Aura was hired by the Mayor at an area Director but Robert Hernandez is very much involved. Let's discuss!
http://visionaryouthcenter.org/ABOUT_US.html

Marisol Salguero <marisol.salguero@lacity.org> Thu, Sep 5, 2013 at 12:44 PM
To: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>
Cc: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Could we help them through our DCA Funds? I'm sure we can come up with a cultural component that the youth could work on.

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Thu, Sep 5, 2013 at 12:51 PM
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Cc: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>, David Giron <david.giron@lacity.com>

Hmm. Well, I'll take a deeper look into what they do and report to all next week. Council Civic Funds (DCA) can be broad, unless we give a large amount of money...over 5k and the City Attorney has to weigh in. I'll take a look this weekend.

David Giron
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John Gile <john@johngileinc.com> Fri, Aug 30, 2013 at 3:08 PM
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>
Cc: mitchof13@gmail.com

Hi David– please review attached information/letter and counsel with CM if indeed we can send letter(s) to State Senators. – Thank you –

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Fri, Aug 30, 2013 at 3:38 PM
To: Marie Rumsey <marie.rumsey@lacity.org>, Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>
Cc: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>

Hi Marie and CP:

John Gile asked for our position on this, with regards to CD13 / Mitch writing letters of support. We have a Resolution that was passed in Council in June, by CM Reyes that places the City in support of the bill. Additionally, it was waived out of Rules Committee by the Council President. The Palmer case of 2009 famously tied the hands of the City of Los Angeles--this bill would in fact supersede the District Court's ruling and allow for inclusionary zoning (per the Reso) at the local level–I see this entirely within Mitch's vision of housing reform.

Before I say yes definitely to John G., I thought it best to double check with you both–Marie, is my reading of AB 1229 correct in that we 100% want this and should support it with letters from our office?

CP, thoughts?

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To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
Cc: Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>, Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>

You are totally right. This is a great bill that MOF can fully support. There is a lot of excitement about this in housing circles. It still has to be heard by the Senate and who knows about Gov. Brown.

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Cc: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>

This is definitely something we campaigned on supporting at the City level. The City Council adopted the action to support, :http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0002-S97_ca_06-25-13.pdf 7/2/2013.

Who would we be asking to send letters, beyond the full support of Council?

Once the State adopts this it will help us with our push for more "inclusive" housing guidelines down the road?

cp

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Tue, Sep 3, 2013 at 5:36 PM
To: Marie Rumsey <marie.rumsey@lacity.org>, Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>
Cc: Gary Benjamin <gary.benjamin@lacity.org>

Cool. Do we have a planning template/support letter? Maybe Gary has something that can be amended.

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Fracking Item #9, Tuesday

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Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org> Fri, Aug 30, 2013 at 4:46 PM
To: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>, Mitch O'Farrell <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>, David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, Harout Semerdjian <harout.semerdjian@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

So, the recommendation is to:
1. Support resolution 13-0002-S108 Parks/Blumenfeld to support SB 4 (Pavley)
see below link.

http://sd27.senate.ca.gov/news/2013-08-30-california-moves-closer-regulating-unchecked-oilfield-practices

2 recent State bills to BAN fracking have failed. This Bill is well positioned to pass and has the support of the Governor. So when adopted, will advance regulations on public notices, permits, and details of chemicals used during the fracking process, and require scientific studies on the impacts of fracking on surrounding communities, and the environment.

The current area where fracking occurs is not in the City of LA but LA County. (Inglewood Oil). Impacts are felt in the Baldwin Hills area of Los Angeles. The regulations imposed by this bill will benefit those residents.

Further study of if and how fracking would be approved in the City of LA should be looked at, but not as part of this item. Instead separately. The impacts on CD 13 should be non-existent, as there are no known areas that would support this activity.

cp

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Additionally, CD 5 will introduce a MOTION calling for an outright BAN on fracking in LA--there are issues with that as some communities could likely have this type of work, and fracking in general is not likely to come to CD13. Although folks would generally be for NO fracking city wide, signing on to any MOTION to ban it without a thorough conversation in areas that we do not control should be closely scrutinized.

CD8 might also introduce a MOTION calling for zoning changes and regulations etc within the City limits--I.E. directing the Planning Department to look at having the planning code take into account fracking. It is recommended that we NOT sign on to this but allow it to run its course, it is likely to die in committee. This was discussed thoroughly by staff and the fact is we need the Planning Department to focus on the many issues that are before it, including our own initiatives and NOT fracking.

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Star, please include these notes for the CM's hotsheet on Tuesday.

Thanks team!

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Mon, Sep 2, 2013 at 11:44 PM
To: David Giron <[redacted]>

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Mon, Sep 2, 2013 at 11:46 PM
To: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Hey Star: remind me to touch base with you regarding this. I caught it thankfully, but these notes were not included in your Hotsheet. This item is going to be controversial.

Also, just remind me to talk about the Hotsheet generally.

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Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

Mon, Sep 2, 2013 at 11:54 PM

Will remind you. I didn't include only bc I thought that's an item you were working on. I would have included only if I knew I had to work on it. I guess it was a misundertstanding. Talk to you tomorrow.

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

Daily News: California Assembly approves fracking bill

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Thu, Sep 12, 2013 at 12:47 AM
To: mitchof13 <mitchof13@gmail.com>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

I just read an article at the Daily News that I thought you might find interesting. It's called 'California Assembly approves fracking bill': http://bit.ly/1g1JvIR.

The article was recommended via my Daily News application for Android.

Mitch O'Farrell <mitchof13@gmail.com> Thu, Sep 12, 2013 at 6:37 AM
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
Cc: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

Thx, interesting. If Richard Bloom can support it, I can too.

Sent from my iPhone

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LA Times - Coyote snare traps called inhumane, L.A. councilman wants to ban them

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 6:59 PM
To: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>, Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>

http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-77577467/

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 7:02 PM
To: Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, mitchof13 <mitchof13@gmail.com>

Forgot to say: great job CP!

On Sep 27, 2013 6:59 PM, "David Giron" <david.giron@lacity.org> wrote:

> http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-77577467/

Mitch O'Farrell <mitchof13@gmail.com> Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 10:20 PM
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Hear here!

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

great news, better news, GREAT NEWS

4 messages

Ronald Andrade <RAndrade@css.lacounty.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:52 PM
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Commissioners:
Rudy Ortega and I met today with the offices of LA Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell. We met to discuss American Indian Heritage Month. The GREAt NEWS is that Councilman O'Farrell is an enrolled member of the Wyandotte of Oklahoma. To our knowledge he is the first federally recognized Indian to be elected to the Los Angeles City Council.

It is our understanding that when the City Council asked who would oversee Indian Heritage Month, Councilman O'Farrell asked to specifically handle our Month.

We are now scheduled for our special day on November 8. We will at this time be following the schedule from our previous years.
We need to schedule our first meeting with the Councilman's office. We would like to meet on Friday, October 11.
This would enable us to begin preliminary contact with potential sponsors during the week. The City doesn't have money for our Day so we will be fundraising among the Tribes and corporations. We have learned that TASIN is meeting on Monday at San Manuel so we hope we can get some financial help. All week will be efforts at seeking funding.
If this doesnt work for everyone let us know.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
My first week as your Los Angeles City Councilmember has been nothing short of exciting: I was sworn into office by Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend along the LA River, then I took part in the Mayor's inauguration ceremony on the steps of City Hall before a crowd of hundreds, and finally the best part was attending my first City Council Meeting as a representative of the 13th Council District.

Ron Andrade
Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 8:30 AM
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Fyi

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Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org> Sat, Oct 5, 2013 at 8:42 AM

To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
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Sounds good!

Jeanne Min
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Lets talk about formatting after Council tomorrow. Thanks!

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Sorry- i havent read the report but some initial questions:
-So will the increased salary for DWP's CIO be on par as other CIO salaries in other depts?
-When was the last COLA and/ or negotiated increase for this class?
-Why was this not changed before? When will the change be in effect? While City Council doesn't oversee DWP pensions, how much will this affect pensions?

I think if you're going to vote no, you'll need to scrutinize the request on the floor. David?

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We will brief in 30 minutes. But, I discussed with the Leg team and we have a recommendation.

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Hello david.giron@lacity.org,

We're writing to let you know that the group you tried to contact (cd13.all) may not exist, or you may not have permission to post messages to the group. A few more details on why you weren't able to post:

* You might have spelled or formatted the group name incorrectly.
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* You may need to join the group before receiving permission to post.
* This group may not be open to posting.

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Thanks,

lacity.org admins

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>> *WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2013*
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>> *PAW: 12-14*
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>> *Transportation: 17 *
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>> *CD13 Items: 30 *
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>> *Closed Session: 40-45*
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>> *MITCH: Please note that items 12-14 pertain to the Personnel and Animal
>> Welfare (PAW) Committee, though all three are regarding Personnel matters.
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Please see the notes I've done–I was writing fast. In summary:

1) ACLU is standing down. They will not pursue injunctive relief against the city.

2) The City Attorney will be reviewing the flier that TA has produced, as well as our media advisory, we are likely open to legal action.

3) The underlying Ordinance needs to be amended (it has not been in over 40 years)–we will be meeting next week to discuss issue and formulate a gameplan.

4) HOW DID THIS START: ACLU (Ms. Sobel) claims that street characters were told by BID personnel (unknown who at the moment) that the new Ordinance would be used against them.

**** IMPORTANT: WE NEED TO COMMUNICATE TO THE BID THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. STRATEGY NEEDED–SHOULD IT COME FROM STEVEN OR DO WE NEED A FORMAL LETTER?

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Sorry–

5) The code section that is used by LAPD to go after problem people that work as street characters is LAMC 41.59 and it IS defensible, having held to legal scrutiny on a number of occasions.

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Just spoke with MOF. We are moving forward with education element and will incorporate CA edits in flyer.

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CA is going back and forth with me on changes that they will propose.

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Update: CA will edit what we have sent–DO NOT DISTRIBUTE ORIGINAL FLIER.

They will edit and send back.

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The BID is working in partnership with the team–they (BID security) have been instructed that this is NOT the case. The ordinance has NOTHING to do with street characters.

Glad to hear WE can proceed as we know what we are doing is the right thing to do and can be done in order to bring civility and lawfulness back to Hollywood Blvd.

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Deal. Tony, can you stay in touch with Kerry & Leron and I will confirm with the other city department heads that we are still on.

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Los Angeles Proposes Banning GMOs

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National press

Mitch O'Farrell <mitchof13@gmail.com> Mon, Oct 21, 2013 at 9:46 PM
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Feld Entertainment Opposition Letter to Proposed Ban on Performing Elephants

3 messages

Moyers, Leigh <lmoyers@feldinc.com> Tue, Oct 22, 2013 at 9:48 AM
To: "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>
Cc: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Council Member O'Farrell,

Attached please find a letter from Feld Entertainment in opposition to the proposed ban on performing elephants and elephant husbandry tools – Council Item Number 12-0186, agenda number 26 set to be considered tomorrow, October 23rd, 2013. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Leigh

Leigh Moyers

Legislative Coordinator

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8607 Westwood Center Drive

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ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

October 22, 2013

Council Members
City Council
City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Opposition to Proposed Ban on Performing Elephants and Elephant Husbandry Tools - Council Item Number 12-0186, agenda number 26 on October 23, 2013 City Council Meeting

Dear President Wesson and Members of the City Council:

Feld Entertainment, Inc. is the leading producer of live family entertainment and is the parent company of *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey®*, *Disney On Ice, Disney Live* and Feld Motor Sports® events. We are opposed to the proposals to ban elephants and elephant tools, which is designed specifically to prevent the exhibition of performing elephants in live entertainment and thereby targets *Ringling Bros.* and other circuses who operate this type of entertainment with the purpose of preventing them from returning to the City of Los Angeles.

The arguments in favor of such bans are steeped in emotion and rife with broad generalizations that misrepresent what is the norm in the responsible care, training and management of elephants. The proposal before you is a political, not a scientific, statement expressing a dislike of a certain types of legal entertainment, much like historical opposition faced by other forms of lawful entertainment, such as rock and roll music. There is much misinformation being circulated by ideologically motivated radical groups and so we want to make you aware of the facts:

- **You are being asked to ban the circus. The proposed bans would prohibit elephants in the circus and outlaw the tools necessary to exhibit them safely.** The proposals would prevent *Ringling Bros.* from returning to Los Angeles as elephants are part of what defines *The Greatest Show On Earth®*. We have a herd of more than 40 Asian elephants and we perform in more than 100 North American cities each year. Coming without elephants or leaving them at the city limits just to perform in Los Angeles is neither acceptable nor feasible. Moreover, presenting elephants in a public performance setting without using the tool you are being asked to ban would be inconsistent with federal regulations requiring the animal handler to "be in direct control" during a public exhibition. *See* C.F.R. § 2.131.

- Not everybody agrees with the animal rights activists that this form of entertainment should be banned. In 2013 we were pleased to share our animals with the nearly 90,000 people who attended performances of *Ringling Bros.* in Los Angeles alone. That is 90,000 people who want to see elephants and other performing animals. Moreover our circus engagements have a significant positive economic impact in the city, in excess of $1 Million, and support more than 1500 jobs not only our show but at the Staples Center.

- A circus ban, while prohibiting a lawful form of entertainment, does nothing to promote animal welfare. Federal, state and local animal welfare laws already prohibit any intentional physical abuse or ill-treatment of any animal and California has a criminal statute that specifically prohibits mistreatment of elephants.

- In July 2013 LA Animal Services conducted **twenty five (25) hours** of inspections of *Ringling Bros.* at the Staples Center. At no time did it find any violations or problems with any animal. Any claim to the contrary is factually incorrect. LAAS hired its own independent veterinarian to inspect *Ringling Bros.* last year. The doctor found no signs of abuse or improper use of guides, which was something that she was specifically tasked with checking by LAAS: *"I had checked the hooks used today and watched the handlers use them. The hooks were wrapped with only the tip exposed and light weight. No one used them harshly. As a matter of fact, they carry it more than use it and control mostly by voice and touch. The hook is used only if needed or for safety."* A copy of the full report of Dr. Rhonda Aliah is attached. It should be noted that *Ringling Bros.* did not know Dr. Aliah prior to her arrival at the show last year on behalf of the City of Los Angeles.

- In addition to local inspectors, the care and treatment of elephants in circuses is heavily regulated by United States Department of Agriculture,

and while in California, the CA Department of Fish and Game. Between all three levels of regulation, *Ringling Bros.* had a total of 82 inspections by 18 different agencies and 44 individual inspectors during one recent twelve week tour in California. This averages out to nearly three hours spent on animal inspections every single day that *Ringling Bros.* was in California. Notwithstanding the heavy level of regulation, there was not a single claim, charge or allegations of elephant mistreatment by any of those agencies against *Ringling Bros.*

- Importantly, elephant guides or "bull hooks" are a recognized, appropriate and humane husbandry tool for managing elephants in the Elephant Husbandry Resource Guide, which reflects the accepted state-of-the-art, industry standards for the safe and humane care and management of elephants in zoos and circuses. The use of guides is accepted by the USDA and approved by the International Elephant Foundation, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Elephant Managers Association, the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians and the American Veterinary Medical Association. The proposed ordinance seeks to outlaw the tools (such as guides) that are necessary for exhibiting elephants in live performances in order to make the exhibition itself (the real purpose of the ban) impossible to do.

- The animal rights groups paint a misleading picture and create the false impression that elephants are mistreated at *Ringling Bros.* This is not true, and it is contrary to the established regulatory presence that accompanies *Ringling Bros.* while it is in Los Angeles and touring throughout California. Responsible management of any animal involves maintaining proper control over the animal in order to ensure its safety as well as that of others. Elephants are 8,000 to 10,000 pound animals. By sheer virtue of their size, weight and strength, however, their physical movements can have consequences. Handlers must remain in control for the safety of the elephants, our employees and our patrons, and we are very proud of our outstanding safety record when it comes to working with animals. While controlling the elephants is normally done through voice command, handlers will use the guide to make contact when necessary to correct an elephant for failing to listen or engaging in potentially harmful conduct to itself or others. While it is to be done only when necessary, this is one of the recognized, intended, and proper uses of the guide. It does not injure the elephant, and it is not abuse.

- Circuses with animals are an art form steeped in tradition, rich in history and recognized as culturally significant. To prohibit licensed exhibitors from conducting their performance with any animal, including elephants, just because some vocal portion of society opposes all animals in captivity and thus prefers a different form of entertainment is censorship.

> Consumers have a right to decide for themselves if they think an animal exhibition -- whether it is at a zoo, a circus, a fair, or in a movie -- has value to them and whether they want to see human/animal interaction particularly in urban places where such interaction may be hard to find. Last July alone 90,000 circus fans said that they did want to see *Ringling Bros.* animal exhibition and came to the Staples Center to do so.

The proposal before you is an effort to inflict a political agenda that opposes elephants in captivity. The proposal targets circuses and their necessary tools in order to shut down the animal exhibitions even though the demonstrated, established track record is one of humane animal welfare. The censorship will not assist the animals, which are fine and already subject to multiple layers of regulation, but it will affirmatively hurt jobs and remove the consumer's choice to choose their own form of entertainment. We urge you to vote no and reject the proposal to ban the circus.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Albert
Vice President

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July 16, 2013

Brenda Barnette
General Manager
Los Angeles Animal Control Services
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Brenda Barnette,

I am enclosing my report of the inspection of the RBBBC at the Staples Center July 9-12, 2013. If you have any questions, please let me know. It was a pleasure working with your department and the circus personnel.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Aliah DVM

Rhonda Aliah, DVM

CITY OF LOS ANGELES- REPORT OF INSPECTION OF THE ELEPHANTS AND OTHER CIRCUS ANIMALS OF THE RINGLING BROS. & BARNUM AND BAILEY CIRCUS (RBBBC) AT THE STAPLES CENTER- JULY 8-12, 2013

I arrived at the Union Pacific rail site where the elephants and horses were to be unloaded from the train into trucks on the morning of July 9, 2013. I was met by Animal Control Officers Armando Navarrete, Felix Lopez, Yvonne Rodriguez and Byron Criddle. Also present were two private detectives Patrick Goodrich and Vai Faamafoe, circus veterinarians Dennis Schmitt, DVM and Jessie Ziegler, DVM and veterinary technician Jessie Hyman. Feld Entertainment staff members present were assistant AGM Jason Gibson, Jeff Boudreau and VP government relations Thomas Albert. City director of operations Mark Salazar and John Chavez arrived later.

The inspection began with a visual exam of the first load of elephants and horses walking off the train and then being loaded into semi-trailers to be transported to the Staples Center. I looked for any swellings or lameness from the long journey and found none. The animals appeared a little stiff but that is not to be unexpected from a long journey. I then examined the railcars and was impressed with the amount of bedding and space each animal had. One railcar had 4 elephants and the other had three elephants. Adequate water and feed were made available to the animals while in transit. A handler stays in a separate room in the same car as the animals and is available to feed, water and take care of any problem should it arise. The cars are temperature controlled and the animals were properly restrained to prevent injury to themselves or another. The elephants are tethered on two legs, one front and the opposite hind leg, with a covered, padded chain that prevents too much movement but also prevents chafing from the chain. The horses are transported in a slant fashion with full partitions and floor mats to prevent them from slipping or stepping on each other. The semi-trucks returned and the rest of the horses and elephants were loaded. We then proceeded in a caravan to the Staples Center where I observed them being unloaded and put into their stalls or holding facilities where they would remain for the duration of the circus. The horse stalls and the elephant pen floors were covered with rubber matting and wood shavings to help cushion their stay and to prevent slipping on the floors. The elephant floor had a raised platform for cushioning of feet and allowing drainage of urine and water.

The staff was very helpful and accommodating to my inspection and very willing to answer any questions. We then left and would return in the afternoon to do a more thorough inspection and to allow the staff to bed the animals down after the long journey.

General Manager of Animal Services Brenda Barnette accompanied me on the afternoon inspection. She had specific concerns about the bull hooks being used and the medical records. I started by having horse handler and trainer Robert Stipka present each horse. They were walked down the aisle and pivoted for a good visual exam. All of them were in good shape and their feet were in good condition. A farrier comes by every 6 weeks to trim those that need it. The stalls are bedded deep with wood shavings and fresh water and timothy hay are always available. All the horses were well mannered and it was obvious they respected and genuinely cared for Robert. The horses are fed grain on the work days and hay is available at all times. Free feed helps to prevent vices such as windsucking and cribbing. In the evening a night stable attendant is present to ensure their safety and well-being.

Next I met with Ryan Henning, the elephant manager. The elephants present with the Red tour are Bonko, Tonga, Mabel, Baby, Assan, Siam and Luna. Of these Mabel is the youngest at 7 years old. Tonga and Luna are in their late 20s, Bonko and Siam in the 40s and Assam is over 50. The elephants are kept in a large roped off area under a large tent. The keepers quickly remove manure and catch urine in large tubs. This prevents soiling and controls the flies and odor. Each elephant was shown to me. Each foot was presented for exam, the trunk and mouth were inspected and the animal was then asked to present each side to check for wounds or trauma from each other or the bull hooks and general skin and body condition. No signs or any trauma or injury were evident and all were in good weight and body condition. Normal fissures are present on the bottoms of some feet and a few toe nail cracks were seen. These cracks were being trimmed and treated as needed. They did not cause any obvious discomfort. The nails were well trimmed and no signs of trauma or chafing from the chain tethers were evident. None of the elephants were lame. All seemed quite content and comfortable with their handlers and their living quarters. The elephants are fed timothy hay, grain-omalene and seasonal produce. In Los Angeles the produce available was carrots, corn, celery, apples and bread for a treat. Browse is given weekly. Enrichment toys such as tires, balls and small logs are used for the animals to entertain themselves. At night, each elephant is tethered and there is an attendant who cleans the animals and feeds as needed and monitors for safety.

Records were reviewed of randomly selected elephants, horses, dogs, tigers, rabbits and ferrets. All appeared in good order. TB tests for the elephants and the USDA inspection certificate and inspection form were reviewed.

The tigers were then inspected with the help of Taba the trainer. All are housed in very clean stainless steel cages. They are kept in a closed off area and under cover. The food prep area for the tigers is very clean and no sign of pests were seen. Proper food handling measures of raw meat was practiced. The animals were well fed, once a day in the evening. They were in

good condition and feet pads were in good shape with no lesions seen. Taba the trainer has a trailer in the tiger compound and resides there in case of an emergency.

The dogs, rabbits, ferrets and snakes are all handled and cared for by a husband and wife team. Each dog has its own kennel and all are put out in an exercise pen daily. The rabbits are housed individually as are the snakes. The ferrets are housed 5 to a kennel as they enjoy company and "cuddle" together. All were in good condition and their living quarters were very clean.

I met with Sheila Kouhkan, city official of the fifth district and she expressed a concern about the bull hooks. I had checked the hooks used today and watched the handlers use them. The hooks were wrapped with only the tip exposed and light weight. No one used them harshly. As a matter of fact, they carry it more than use it and control mostly by voice and touch. The hook is used only if needed or for safety. She also asked if I wished to review the previous veterinary inspection report but I declined preferring to make my own unbiased evaluation without any pervious opinions. Besides, this was not the same tour group as was here last year. On my return to my hotel, Brenda Barnette asked if I would be willing to speak with Dr. Ensley, and I thought that would be a alright and suggested he call me later that evening. He did not call that night or at all throughout my stay.

Wednesday July 10 I went to the morning exercise session accompanied by Office Lopez and met Danielle Graham, DVM director of animal care for Feld Entertainment. We spent two hours watching as the horses and elephants were walked around the arena and put through their paces. None of the elephants or horses appeared lame or uncomfortable. Each animal worked well and did not show any hesitation about the routine or the work.

That evening was the first performance. Accompanied by Jessie Hyman, Debbie Fahrenbruck and Officer Rodriquez, I watched all the animal prep and performance and post-performance care. The animals did well in their acts and none appeared lame or distressed. I went to the holding area and observed all the animals post-performance. Each elephant was given a large 55 gallon tub of water and fresh hay. After the hay they were given a large tub of varied produce and tethered for the evening. The horses were bed down in deep wood shavings, fed hay and given fresh water. All were resting well after a good dinner.

Thursday July 10 I watched the noon show. Officers Criddle and Rodriquez were with me and I again watched the pre-show, performance and post-performance animal acts. During the tiger performance, a dart rifle is back stage and fire extinguishers with personnel are staged around the performance ring for emergencies. All the animals again appeared in good condition and no animals were lame or acted painful. I again checked all the bull hooks used in the performances and all appeared properly wrapped and were used sparingly. I was present when

the animals were bedded down for the afternoon to rest before the next performance. An exam revealed no lameness or other abnormalities. I was not needed to be at the evening performance so I did not attend.

Friday July 12 was my departure day and I had planned a quick visit to check the animals one last time before I left. When I arrived, Officer Criddle gave me a copy of an email sent to the city by the legal representative of PETA and a letter from Dr. Mel Richardson that two elephants were lame during the opening performance and that Assan was "crippled". I met with Jessie, Dr. Graham and Debbie again and once again reviewed all the elephant records, had all handlers present their bull hooks for inspection and asked Ryan to move all the elephants for a lameness check and position themselves for another visual exam. I also watched the opening acts with the elephants and all moved well and did not exhibit any lameness. I also checked the horses again and no lameness was observed.

Now I will address Dr. Richardson's concerns. I understand the concern that PETA and Dr. Richardson may have. No one wants to see any animal abused or used while in pain or suffering. I also understand that Dr. Richardson made his evaluation of Assan from a video tape of the opening evening performance. I observed this performance and did not see any lameness. I also observed the range of motion Dr. Richardson mentioned but I observed it on both front legs and also have observed her conformation. She is a broad shouldered, base narrow animal who toes out on her feet. This conformation gives her a different way of going than the other elephants. She swings her front legs from the shoulders at a slightly different angle and thus wears down her toe nails in a different pattern. This is like a person who toes out and wears their shoes down abnormally. She moves freely from the shoulder but looks different than the other elephants. Looking at her straight on allows us to see this conformational attribute.

Siam has short hind legs and has to take more steps to match the walking pace of her taller leggier companions. She is narrowed shoulder and stands pigeon toed with her elbows slightly out. This gives her a different gait. I did not notice lameness but a more rapid shorter stride in the rear much like a short legged person trying to match strides and pace with the longer legged friend. Due to conformation, these two elephants do have a different way of going but not what I would consider a lameness or painful. They are bright, alert, move freely and not reluctant to perform. No force is used to have these or any of the elephants perform. In my private practice I have seen more force used on horses and dogs than what is used on animals weighing 8 times more than a horse and the ability to cause much more injury to a person if they should decide not to listen. Not all animals have the same conformation nor do they all move the same. Conformation plays an important part in movement, lameness and

wear of toe nails. All these issues must be taken into account when evaluating an animal for lameness.

These two elephants are on "light duty". Why must all the animals do difficult tricks? I feel this shows the respect and concern RBBBC has for its senior animals and allows the animal to work within its ability. I believe older animals, like older people, should maintain a level of exercise. Many animals left to their own fail to walk or move as much as is needed to maintain flexibility. Some animals benefit more from doing "light work" and being in the family social group they are used to rather than being separated. I believe the veterinarians, veterinary technicians and most of all the handlers of these magnificent animals at RBBBC are the ones to determine which animal should be performing, which are on light duty and which should be retired. They are intimately associated with the animals and know them the best.

The medical records are extensive on some of these elephants. When an animal has lived as many years as some of these- 40-56 years, a lot goes on. Sometimes there are toe nail cracks, sometimes they have minor abrasions or cysts or are off feed. I would not expect any animal to have no issues for this many years. The most current health records show these animals in good health. There are no major ongoing critical issues in any elephant.

In closing, I do not have a list of publications for you to refer to or 30 years of experience working with elephants but I do have 37 years working with all animals at horse race tracks, trail rides, rodeos, sled dogs races, horse and dog shows, zoo animals and everyday practice with every kind of animal possible. I observe and study them for attitude, movement, fitness level, body condition, general health and interaction with their human handlers, owners, riders, and mushers. I was willing to stay the entire week and observe every performance but the city did not feel it was necessary. During my time there and from what I observed, I feel the elephants and the rest of the animals of the RBBBC are well cared for, in good health and fit for performing at the level asked of them. I did not see any sign of abuse, undue force or any malicious behavior.

I wish to thank the City of Los Angeles, Animal Control Department and ACO Navarrette, Criddle, Rodriquez, and Lopez for their time, hospitality and presence at this inspection. I also wish to thank RBBBC for so willingly assisting me during my inspection. I was allowed to perform whatever task I needed and access to whatever area and records I needed though I know at times it was not the most convenient. Drs. Schmitt, Ziegler and Graham, Jessie Hyman, administrative staff and the handlers were every helpful and accommodating.

Thank you all.

Rhonda Klait DVM

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

Fwd: LA Times editorial re: GMO motion

3 messages

Andy Shrader <andy.shrader@lacity.org> Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 6:28 PM
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Here's the best one

——— Forwarded message ———
From: **J Poy** <legacyla@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 9:43 AM
Subject: Re: LA Times editorial re: GMO motion

I sent in a letter to the editor:

Reply to Editorial
L.A.'s bid to target genetically engineered crops isn't productive
http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-gmo-ban-los-angeles-20131201,0,4973895.story#ixzz2mQuCAGVm

Dear Editor:

Creating a GMO-Free Zone in L.A. serves an important function. It preserves space – real, tangible geography – where clean seeds can be grown.

All food comes from seeds. In order to have clean food, you need to have clean seed. To contain GMOs, labeling the bad stuff is only one part of the effort. Parallel to labeling, we have to save the good stuff. We have to save heirloom seeds.

Heirloom seeds are our cultural heritage. They represent decades-worth, even centuries-worth, of careful plant selection, isolation of specific niche attributes (like drought tolerance, flavor, seasonal adaptability, etc.). This precious heritage has been handed down to us by generations of farmers and devoted growers.

Climate change is bringing serious jeopardy to our worldwide food supply. GMOs and industrial agriculture are a highly fragile system (and fossil-fuel dependent) that does not have the capability to handle it. We desperately need the diversity that heirloom seeds represent. We need it in order to survive.

In order to have clean seed, you have to have designated places to save that clean seed. The motion put forward by Councilmen Koretz and O'Farrell sets aside 502.7 square miles – the City of Los Angeles – as a place to save GMO-free seed. Humanity needs this motion.

Right now, there aren't farmers growing GMO crops within the City of L.A. This motion won't hurt anyone's livelihood. (It might even help: urban farmers and local CSAs might be able to create an enterprise zone, create special branding, and advertise that their crops are grown in a GMO-Free Zone.)

Seed savers are now beginning to realize that the geography of our cities holds tremendous potential to save heirloom seeds. And Los Angeles is a great place to start.

It won't hurt livelihoods, and it just might help save humanity's food supply. It's productive all right, but only if you want to eat.

Joanne Poyourow
Director of the Environmental Change-Makers
Westchester/Los Angeles

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: mitchof13 <mitchof13@gmail.com>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 8:48 PM

Sir:

We have two options. There is a letter written from both you and CM Koretz that is being finished up. However, we wanted to give you the option to see the quality of the letters sent fron the public. .. In case you wanted to wait on a letter and let the activists speak without you/CM Koretz.

Attached is the best letter sent thus far from a constituent.

You can either decide to proceed with a formal letter or let the public speak for themselves. If you decide that you still want the letter, we will work with Tony on getting it in the LA Times OP ed.

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Mitch O'Farrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 9:51 PM

We should know by Thursday if the Times will publish any of them. Let's trigger the editorial then, early morning.

Sent from my iPhone
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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

Fwd: Ban on GMO crops NEEDED

2 messages

Andy Shrader <andy.shrader@lacity.org>
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 6:54 PM

Here's another:

From: Susan Elaine <susanelainex4@gmail.com>
Date: December 2, 2013 at 1:41:55 PM PST
To: "mobile@latimes.com" <mobile@latimes.com>
Subject: Ban on GMO crops NEEDED

Dear LA Times Editor,

The lack of GMO testing pertaining to the long term adverse health effects that have developed in the past 20 years since GMO has been secretly added to the American diet through processed foods, school lunches and fast foods, shows a lack of concern for our health,
Tthe diseases that are skyrocketing during this time, cancer, autism, allergies, immune & fertility disorders needs much attention. The urban agriculture that flourishes in the LA area needs protecting and our gardens that provide food for families is a major concern. Stopping the cross contamination of GMO crops before it starts, not only make sense by saving our heirloom varieties and diversity of plants, it also saves the honeybee which we need for pollination and the butterflies whom are also necessary for the life cycle of plants. Los Angeles needs to continue the growth of urban agriculture by allowing gardens to be planted in its open city spaces and be smart enough to realize that banning GMO seeds and plants from being sold and planted in LA, is the long term productive thing to do in saving our food supply from contamination.

Seeds continue our life cycle and I want to give the next generation a healthy environment, not a contaminated one.

Susan Elaine
Los Angeles, CA

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: mitchof13 <mitchof13@gmail.com>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 8:49 PM

Here is another letter sent from the public.

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Gmail

Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>

Field Reports

1 message

Marisol Salguero <marisol.salguero@lacity.org>
To: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>, Mitch O'farrell <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>
Cc: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 13, 2013 at 5:37 PM

Councilmember,

Attached please find this week's field reports. Get some rest and we will see you tomorrow.

Thanks!

Marisol Salguero
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FIELD STAFF REPORTS
Friday, November 22, 2013

ADAM BASS

Elysian Valley

- Attended Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council 7/18/13.
    - Council created a "Traffic Ad-hoc Committee" to study Elysian Valley traffic concerns, with the intention to work closely with CD13 on developing traffic master plan, specifically identifying:
        - Emergency and evacuation plans
        - Appropriate signage, so people don't get congested in streets that aren't wide enough for two-way traffic (when cars are parked along side).
- Responded to and monitored responded to inquiries about 5 & 2 Freeway Tanker Fire.
- Marsh Street Project
    - Met with CM, Jeanne Min and Barbara Romero (MRCA) to address concerns of local resident Mary Whitecloud about Marsh Street Project Phase II development off of Rosanna Street.
    - Had follow-up site visit with Mary Whitecloud
    - Met in person with Jeanne Min, Marisol Salguero, Barbara Romero (MRCA), Lisa Soghor (MRCA) and Melissa Guerrero (MRCA) to review plans for Phase II of park expansion.
    - Will follow-up by briefing with CM and Mary Whitecloud (guided by outcomes of CM briefing)
- Denby Ave
    - Steve Appleton (President EVR NC) raised an issue with a property on Denby Ave that has series of violations and has encroached on an adjacent property with a building that was inadvertently approved by Planning – and shouldn't have been. Gary Benjamin is taking lead on addressing possible outcomes on this project, and will keep me abreast on future conversations.

Echo Park

- Attended a "drive-through" of the area with Christine Peters, and identified the following projects to put on our near-term planning for area improvement:
    - Opening alleyway for pedestrian traffic from Glendale to Lemoyne.
        - This will create a potential conflict from El Centro del Peublo.
    - Identifying ways to allow parking access to the Four Square Church for the public when not being used by the church.
        - Worth noting, my room mate works nearby and says his company uses this building for employee parking during the weekdays. Will have to investigate the current situation.
    - Planting or other improvements in elevated medians along streets like Lakeshore.

- Attended Echo Park Community Parade meeting
    - Will work with CD1 Field Deputy to identify funding and resources share for the parade efforts.

Glassell Park

- Concern about increased graffiti.
    - Will take a tour with Bradley to see items first hand that need to be addressed.
- Attended the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council meeting on 7/16/13
    - Invited CM to a meet-and-green on the 27th
        - Declined by David Cano at direction of CM.
    - Requested help with parking concerns on Roswell Street at Casa Peru
        - Half the block says "no parking" while the other half allows 2 hour parking
            - Could not visually identify a reason when looking at Google Maps or Zimas with Christine Peters and Gary Benjamin.
            - Requested a history and rationale about the signage from Jeanne Shin. Awaiting response.

Other Issues

- Isa – asked that CM looks at promoting Native American activities and identity during the time traditionally celebrated as "Columbus Day." She believes the CM should lead this effort.
- Sunset Blvd issues:
    - Homeless woman living among a very large field of debris and trash at Sunset and Coronado. It is a visual blight, and according to some accounts the woman is often in various stages of undress on the street near a bus stop. We should identify a way to get this woman some help and clean up this debris field.
    - Homeless encampment and reported potential illegal and lewd behavior on Sunset and Waterloo. I've asked for additional patrol by the SLO, and have prepared a snail-mail letter to the Zimas identified property owner asking for some clean-up of over-grown trees, and general trash pic-up.

MARY RODRIGUEZ

Dec. 7th –

Event – Councilman in Your Corner

Steven & I walked, Gigi followed in the car with dry pamphlets & water. Steven and I observed that each of the many apts. was full of children. Most adults did not speak English and the children accepted the CD13 information.

Follwo up – Re: Atwater Village resident's request to remove the 2 hr parking restrictions on Le Clede, LADOT is currently working with another resident for proper signatures. Re; valet parking problem from Sepan Banquet Hall, the new Valet Ordinance should be in effect by January and this should assist with weekend street parking issues.

Dec. 12th
Meeting – Glendale Hyperion Complex of Bridges Advisory Committee Meeting has a good group of advisors. Each got to ask questions and add new agenda items to be addressed next month at the folo up meeting on Jan. 23rd. Deborah Weintraub suggested a compromise could be met to better address pedestrian access and create bike lanes while maintaining vehicle lanes.

Meeting – LA River Agenda Mtg. Giron, Christine and I met with city depts. to discuss future river committee meetings, understand better what needs to be addressed as a priority and what has already been accomplished. A meeting with DWP and Sanitation will be scheduled with you.

Dec. 14th CD13 Christmas Toy Giveaway, Berda Morley 80th birthday
Dec. 15th El Conquistador Farewell

***NOTE** – Murray Circle and Murray Drive currently being resurfaced.
Occidental @ Sunset Blvd. resurfaced

ANGELO YENKO

Rampart Village NC
12/10
I attended the RVNC meeting to give my field report and took a few casework complaints

St. Anne's Holiday Party
12/11
I staffed the Councilmember at St. Anne's Holiday Party in Rampart Village.

LAFD FS6
12/12
Did a walk through at Fire Station 6 w/ Marisol to get a lay of the land for the toy giveaway event.

Olympic Shoe Giveaway
12/12
I staffed MOF at Olympic Division's Shoe Giveaway event. He presented a cert to one of the chief sponsors, Vlado Footwear.

This is the second time I have had to deal with an overheight fence citing issue. They seem to be messy and unclear.

Phone Conference with Mike Shull
December 9th
I spoke with Mike Shull regarding the installation of lights in Lemon Grove Park that has been carried over since the previous administration. It appears that the project has already been awarded to a contractor and the fixtures have been ordered. The lights should be installed soon.

Enterprise Community Partners Meet and Greet
December 10th
We had a presentation from them during our field-staff meeting. They work with developers to find funding for affordable housing. We discussed affordable housing and, also, homeless housing.

PATH 8th Annual Jazz Event
December 11th
Great impromptu speech by the Councilmember.

SELECTED CASEWORK

Route 66 Signs along Santa Monica Blvd
I have been helping Jeff Zarrinnam and company acquire the BSL permit for installing 'Historic Route 66' signs along SMB.

Homeless Encampment at Mariposa/Sunset
There is a large homeless encampment on Mariposa Ave, just south of Sunset. Initially, they were set up on private property. Jorge Loredo, BSS, was supposed to visit the site a couple of days ago. Since then, they have moved across the street and are set up on the curb and into the street. I am working with Jorge to deal with the issue.

STEVEN WHIDDON

Monday, December 9, 2013
Staff meeting

6368 Hollywood Blvd. re: Ea Ca Alley issues – north end

1. Discussed security issues.
2. Illegal parking.
3. Bad neighbors
4. Possible illegal special events

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council meeting

SYLVAN DE LA CRUZ

Cases:

Reserved truck and planned small clean ups in HiFi and Hollywood for Tuesday Dec. 17th.

Working with Sanitation to get LA County catch basins cleaned at Lexington and St. Andrews

Working with Street Services to get Myra Ave, between Hoover and Santa Monica, street sweeper, as requested by constituent.

Did Drive Around Field office and reported 11 bulky item locations to Bureau of Sanitation and one graffiti location to MYLA311.

Assisted Marisol with Holiday Toy Give Away.

Did outreach to HiFi/Westlake and East Hollywood volunteer data base, personal friends and referred volunteers, for help with the Holiday Toy Give Away.

Meetings:

Met with residents of Virginia Ave/Lexington /St. Andrews neighborhood; 10 residents in attendance. Working on developing relationship, CYC Walk, and neighborhood clean up.

Met with Field Staff and Enterprise Community Partners.

Visited with residents at Bonnie Brae; spoke to 10 residents, and gave out additional flyers with important emergency assistance phone numbers. Met LAFD Captain Moore.

Met with David Lugo, RE: community organizing in HiFi/North Westlake communities

Scouted out meeting location for Hollywood CYC walk January 25th. And will work with William to get CYC flyer made asap, and up on CD 13 website before the holiday break.

Events:

Worked CD 13 Holiday Toy Give Away, Saturday December 14th, 2013

Provided minor assistance to Field Staff at Glassell Park street scape community meeting.

- I have been helping Mr. Jose Berrios trying to figure out who the parcel between 842 ½ and 838 Normandie belongs to. He showed me some Council motions from 1981 that showed that there would be a permanent easement with access to DWP but it doesn't specify who the parcel of land belongs to.
- According to the BOE, when the City vacates a lot, they do not normally leave any records of who they are vacating a specific property to, the constituents must then get a private assessor to determine who the property belongs to.

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

LAFD Fire Station 20/Bonnie Brae Fire

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Ellsworth Fortman <ellsworth.fortman@lacity.org> Sun, Dec 15, 2013 at 2:02 PM
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

David,

Can you please call me ASAP regarding the fire last Thursday on Bonnie Brae St.?
213 485-6220
Thanks,
Capt Fortman - FS 20

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Ellsworth S. Fortman, Captain II,
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Fire Station 20 "B" Platoon
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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Ellsworth Fortman <ellsworth.fortman@lacity.org>
Sun, Dec 15, 2013 at 8:15 PM

Hi Captain:

When Should I call? First thing Monday unless you tell me otherwise.

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Ellsworth Fortman <ellsworth.fortman@lacity.org>
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
Sun, Dec 15, 2013 at 8:43 PM

First thing tomorrow morning is good..Thank you..
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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Ellsworth Fortman <ellsworth.fortman@lacity.org>
Mon, Dec 16, 2013 at 10:37 AM

Hi Captain,

I left a message for you at your station.

Thanks

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Ellsworth Fortman <ellsworth.fortman@lacity.org>
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
Mon, Dec 16, 2013 at 11:43 AM

I can be reached on my cell at 661 645-1810
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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Mitch O'Farrell <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>, mitchof13 <mitchof13@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 16, 2013 at 12:07 PM

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

FAQ for plastic bag ban that is to begin on January 1st 2014

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Mon, Dec 30, 2013 at 4:43 PM
To: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>, Mitch O'Farrell <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>
Cc: David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>, Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

Councilmember,

As you requested, I have attached a short two page FAQ on the plastic bag ban. Note that the first page is a 'very' short summary of questions I thought you would get from constituents, and the second page is a slightly longer but still short faq from the business perspective in case you get asked, "What will a business have to do to comply?" etc.

Please email me with questions.

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Mon, Dec 30, 2013 at 5:04 PM
To: Mitch OFarrell <mitchof13@gmail.com>, Mitch O'Farrell <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>
Cc: David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

CP:Two quotes I worked on for a press release. DC just informed me that they were not needed, but they may be useful for the presser you are working on. Can you please show me the final version before you send out tomorrow? Thanks.

"On January 1st, the City of Los Angeles becomes the largest municipal corporation to ban the plastic bag. For years, the LA River has been clogged with these throwaway discards, choking up and taking space where natural habitats once flourished. This is a huge, important step forward for LA that was driven by and for the people–ban the bag LA!"

"Los Angeles sets trends. That is who we are–when the State of California failed to act, the citizens of LA stood up and proclaimed, "not in my back yard!" Thanks to the work of my colleague Paul Koretz, the Los Angeles City Council, Mayor Garcetti and the residents of Los Angeles, the city is about to take another major step forward in the battle to keep LA clean and green"

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Mitch O'Farrell <mitchof13@gmail.com> Tue, Dec 31, 2013 at 7:33 AM
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
Cc: Mitch O'Farrell <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>, David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

DG, thanks for providing this great info! Question; are farmer's markets, swap meets, street fairs exempt?

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Tue, Dec 31, 2013 at 1:17 PM
To: mitchof13 <mitchof13@gmail.com>
Cc: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>, David Cano <david.cano@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>, Mitch O'Farrell <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>, Christine Peters <christine.peters@lacity.org>

The answer is that yes they are exempt. Not because they are specifically named as exempted, but because we are talking about locations in excess of 2,000,000 in annual sales or 10,000 Sq ft of retail space.

EXCEPTED OFFICIALLY: Restaurants, dry cleaning shops, and hardware stores such as Home Depot, Lowes;Pharmacy bags, Produce bags used for bagging vegetables, fruits, and meats; and Participants of California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children or Supplemental Food Program will receive free reusable bags or recyclable paper bags to carryout the purchases.

Summary:

Ban single-use plastic carryout bags,Mandate a $0.10 charge on single-use paper carryout bags, and Require stores to make available reusable bags for purchase.

Ordinance would take effect on:

January 1, 2014 for Large Stores: All stores with gross annual sales over $2,000,000, selling dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items and perishable items i.e. Albertsons, Costco, Ralphs, Vons; OR

Stores of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space generating sales or use tax and has a licensed pharmacy i.e. CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, etc.

July 1, 2014 for Small Stores: A drug store, pharmacy, supermarket, grocery store, convenience food store, food-mart, or other entity engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods that includes milk, bread, soda, and snack foods, including stores with a Type 20 or 21 license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Examples are 7-Eleven, ampm, mini-marts, etc.

Ordinance would exempt:

Restaurants, dry cleaning shops, and hardware stores such as Home Depot, Lowes;Pharmacy bags, Produce bags used for bagging vegetables, fruits, and meats; and Participants of California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children or Supplemental Food Program will receive free reusable bags or recyclable paper bags to carryout the purchases.

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Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 6, 2014 at 1:33 PM
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

What publication is this for?
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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 6, 2014 at 1:34 PM
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

It was for the CM. He requested a brief.

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 6, 2014 at 1:35 PM
To: William Ayala <william.ayala@lacity.org>

The first page has the info we discussed

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 6, 2014 at 1:35 PM
To: Marisol Salguero <marisol.salguero@lacity.org>

Do the deputies want this?

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From: "David Giron" <david.giron@lacity.org>
Date: Dec 30, 2013 4:43 PM
Subject: FAQ for plastic bag ban that is to begin on January 1st 2014
To: "Mitch OFarrell" <mitchof13@gmail.com>, "Mitch O'Farrell" <mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org>
Cc: "David Cano" <david.cano@lacity.org>, "Christine Peters" <christine.peters@lacity.org>, "Jeanne Min" <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

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William Ayala <william.ayala@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 6, 2014 at 1:37 PM
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

This is very helpful. Thank you! :)

William B. Ayala
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Marisol Salguero <marisol.salguero@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 6, 2014 at 2:14 PM
To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

Absolutely, they can share at their meetings. We should be getting bags from sanitation soon to distribute.

Marisol Salguero
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On Mon, Jan 6, 2014 at 1:35 PM, David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org> wrote:
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On January 1, 2014—What will happen??

- Large Grocery stores and markets, among others, will no longer offer free plastic carryout bags to customers.
- Recyclable paper bags will be offered at a cost of $0.10 per bag.
- Who is responsible for enforcement of the ordinance?

  A: Bureau of Sanitation of Department of Public Works, City of Los Angeles will be responsible for enforcement of the Ordinance. For questions, please contact the City of Los Angeles, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division by email at SRCRD@lacity.org or call (213) 485-2260.

FAQ for Residents –more info at www.lacitybag.com

How will I pick up my pets daily gifts?

Consumers may consider using used bread or chip bags, sandwich bags, liners for cereal boxes, and other types of bags as an alternative for wet waste and pet droppings.

What types of stores are included in the ban?

- Large stores with gross annual sales of over $2 million selling dry groceries, canned goods, or nonfood items and perishable items or stores of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space generating sales or use tax and has a licensed pharmacy are included in the ban *(e.g. Ralphs, Target, Walmart, Vons, Food 4 Less, 99cent Only Stores, Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid, and others)*.

- Small stores such as drug stores, pharmacies, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience food stores, food-marts, and other entities engaged in the retail sales of a limited line of goods that sell milk, bread, soda, and snack foods, in addition to stores with a Type 20 or 21 license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control are included in the ban (e.g. 7-Eleven, AM PM Mini Markets, and others).

Are all shapes and sizes of plastic bags banned?

Plastic carryout bags at large and small retail stores affected by the ordinance are banned. Not all plastic bags are banned. Bags allowed are:

- Produce bags used for bagging vegetables, fruits and meats, and pharmacy bags;
- Restaurant bags;
- Hardware stores bags *(e.g. Home Depot, Lowes and others)*; and
- Select retail stores bags *(e.g. Macy's, JC Penny, Ross, TJ Maxx, and others)*.

FAQ for retailers:

How would my store comply with the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance?

- Cease providing customers single-use plastic carryout bags (produce bags or product bags are exempt).
- Make available to customers reusable carryout bags or recyclable paper carryout bags.
- Charge customers requesting recyclable paper carryout bags 10 cents per bag (No store shall rebate or otherwise reimburse customers for any or all of the 10-cent charge required).
- Provide at the point of sale, free of charge, either reusable bags or recyclable paper carryout bags or both, at your option, to any customer participating either in the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT), Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) or in the CalFresh/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for purchased items covered under those programs. Items not covered under these programs e.g. beer, wine, liquor, etc. will not require stores to provide free of charge, either reusable bags or recyclable paper carryout bags to carry these items.
- Indicate the number of recyclable paper carryout bags provided and the total amount charged for the bags on customer receipts.
- **Complete and submit Quarterly Report Form online at http://san.lacity.org/ no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter.**

What information will be included in the Store Quarterly Report?

- Total number of recyclable paper bags provided (including those provided free of charge to EBT, WIC, and/or SNAP customers).
- Total amount collected from the paper bag charge (NOTE: Actual amount collected from the paper bag charge are to be retained by the store).
- Efforts to promote reusable carryout bags, if any.

Are biodegradable plastic bags allowed?

No. Plastic carryout bag means any bag made predominantly of plastic derived from either petroleum or a biologically-based source, such as corn or other plant sources. It includes compostable and biodegradable bags.

***Other questions for retailers are to be found at **www.lacitybag.com/faq**